

*Institution of higher education* means an accredited college or university within the United States that awards a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree.

*Participant* means an Indian individual who is being trained under the Professional Development program.

*Payback* means work-related service or cash reimbursement to the Department of Education for the training received under the Professional Development program.

*Pre-service training* means training to Indian individuals to prepare them to meet the requirements for licensing or certification in a professional field requiring at least a baccalaureate degree.

*Professional development activities* means in-service training offered to enhance the skills and abilities of individual participants.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Department of Education or an official or employee of the Department acting for the Secretary under a delegation of authority.

*Stipend* means that portion of an award that is used for room and board and personal living expenses. NOTE: Only full-time students are eligible for stipends.

*Undergraduate degree* means a baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree awarded by an institution of higher education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7442 and 7491)

**§ 263.4 What training costs may a Professional Development program include?**

(a) A Professional Development program may include, as training costs, assistance to either—

(1) Fully finance a student's educational expenses; or

(2) Supplement other financial aid—including Federal funding other than loans—for meeting a student's educational expenses.

(b) The Secretary announces the expected maximum amounts for stipends and other costs—including training costs—in the annual application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7442)

**§ 263.5 What priority is given to certain projects and applicants?**

(a) The Secretary awards a total of 5 points to an application submitted by an Indian tribe, Indian organization, or an Indian institution of higher education that is eligible to participate in the Professional Development program. A consortium application of eligible entities that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129 of EDGAR and includes an Indian tribe, Indian organization or Indian institution of higher education will be considered eligible to receive the 5 priority points.

(b) The Secretary awards a total of 5 points to an application submitted by a consortium of eligible applicants that includes a tribal college or university and that designates that tribal college or university as the fiscal agent for the application. The consortium application of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129 of EDGAR to be considered eligible to receive the 5 priority points. These competitive preference points are in addition to the 5 competitive preference points that may be given under the paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) The Secretary may give absolute preference to applications, reserving all or a portion of the funds available for new awards under the Professional Development program, to fund only those applications that meet one of the following priorities selected for a fiscal year. The Secretary announces the absolute priority selected in the annual application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(1) *Pre-Service Training for Teachers.* This priority provides support and training to Indian individuals to complete a pre-service education program that enables these individuals to meet the requirements for full State certification or licensure as a teacher through—

(i) Training that leads to a bachelor's degree in education before the end of the award period; or

(ii) For States allowing a degree in a specific subject area, training that leads to a bachelor's degree in the subject area as long as the training meets the requirements for full State teacher certification or licensure; or